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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

Computer generated English translations of Japanese Patent Publication No. 08-098142 and 10-271444 are attached. A search and examination report from the Danish Patent and Trademark Office dated January 22, 2007, in a corresponding application setting forth the relevance thereof is also attached.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		JP 08-098142	4/12/1996	Hosono		Yes
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NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

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